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In re Application of :
Sooriyakumaran et al. :
Application No. 10/079,289 : DECISION GRANTING PETITION
Filed: Feb. 19, 2002 :
Attorney Docket No. YOR920000693US2 :

This decision is in response to applicants' "APPLICATION FOR PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT" TIMELY¹ filed on April 13, 2007 requesting that the Office adjust the Patent Term Adjustment determination from 112 days to a determination of 556 days.

Applicant's request for PTA is **GRANTED to the extent herein indicated**. The Office will *sua sponte* adjust the PTA determination at the time of the mailing of the notice of allowance from 112 days to 603 days.

Applicants argue that the applicants are entitled to Office delays of 621 days under 37 CFR 1.702(a)(2) and concede 65 days of applicant delay under 37 CFR 1.704(b). Applicants failed to acknowledge the reduction of 61 days under 37 CFR 1.704(b) for the response to the final rejection being more than three months after the mailing of the final rejection.² Applicants argue that it was mailed with a certificate of mailing on November 9, 2006 within three months.

Applicants arguments have been considered and are persuasive to the extent herein discussed. The Office notes that applicants are entitled to 624 days of PTA under 37 CFR 1.702(a)(2). The Office notes that the reply to the restriction was filed on December 19, 2003 and the Office reply date was January 3, 2006. Accordingly, the Office had a 624 day delay for this time period under 37 CFR 1.702(a)(2). Applicants note that the Office delayed by a period of 157 days under 37 CFR 1.702(a)(1). Accordingly, the Office delay amounted to 781 days. Applicants concede the 65-day reduction under 37 CFR 1.704(b) for the submission of a response dated 6/7/2006. Applicants arguments failed to acknowledged the 52-day reduction under 37 CFR 1.704(c)(7) for the submission of a non-compliant response to the election requirement.³ Applicants argument as to the sixty-one day reduction is not persuasive because the Office notes that applicants reply stops the three month clock on date of receipt in the Office if applicant mails by certificate of

¹ Issue fee paid on May 23, 2007.

² The final rejection was mailed on 8/21/2006 and applicant replied on 1/29/2007.

³ Applicant initially responded to a restriction requirement on 10/28/2006 and such requirement was not complete. The complete reply was filed on December 19, 2003 as determined by petition decision. Accordingly, the reduction began on October 29, 2003 and ended on December 19, 2003.

mailing and is treated differently from a mailing by express mail. See 37 CFR 1.703(f). Accordingly the reply date for PTA purposes, January 29, 2007. The overall amount of Office delay is 781 and applicants delay is 178. Total PTA delay at time of mailing of notice of allowance is 603 days.

After the mailing of this decision, the application will be forwarded to the Office of Patent Publications for a prompt issuance of the patent

Any additional PTA pursuant to 37 CFR 1.702(b) or 1.702(a)(4) will be added to the PTA at the time of the issuance of the patent and will be reflected in the issue notification letter that is mailed to applicants approximately three weeks prior to issuance of the patent.

Applicants have submitted the \$200.00 fee for this application. No additional fees are required.

Any questions concerning this decision should be directed to Kery A. Fries, Senior Legal Advisor, Office of Patent Legal Administration at 571-272-7757.



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 **PALM INTRANET****PTA Calculations for Application: 10/079289**

Application Filing Date:	02/19/2002	PTO Delay (PTO):	536
Issue Date of Patent:		Three Years:	0
Pre-Issue Petitions:	0	Applicant Delay (APPL):	424
Post-Issue Petitions:	0	Total PTA (days):	603
PTO Delay Adjustment:	491		

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57	02/26/2007	MAIL EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT			
56	02/20/2007	ISSUE REVISION COMPLETED			
55	02/20/2007	NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE DATA VERIFICATION COMPLETED			
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35	10/27/2003	INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT CONSIDERED			
34	02/19/2002	INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT CONSIDERED			
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32	08/20/2004	INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS) FILED		0	30
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30	08/20/2004	RESPONSE TO ELECTION / RESTRICTION FILED		298	15
29	10/20/2005	CASE DOCKETED TO EXAMINER IN GAU			
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24	08/20/2004	PETITION ENTERED			
23	08/20/2004	WORKFLOW INCOMING PETITION IFW			
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17	10/27/2003	INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS) FILED			
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12	08/25/2002	RECEIPT OF ALL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LETTERS			
11	06/17/2002	AFFIDAVIT(S) (RULE 131 OR 132) OR EXHIBIT(S) RECEIVED			

10	06/17/2002	PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT			
9	05/30/2002	PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT			
8	02/19/2002	INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS) FILED			
7	04/16/2002	CASE DOCKETED TO EXAMINER IN GAU			
6	04/08/2002	APPLICATION DISPATCHED FROM OIPE			
5	04/03/2002	APPLICATION IS NOW COMPLETE			
4	04/01/2002	REFERRED BY L&R FOR THIRD-LEVEL SECURITY REVIEW. AGENCY REFERRAL LETTER GENERATED			
3	03/27/2002	IFW SCAN & PACR AUTO SECURITY REVIEW			
2	03/06/2002	IFW SCAN & PACR AUTO SECURITY REVIEW			
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